



May 23, 2010

Federal Communications Commission
Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Atwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to express the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers' support for the AT&T-T-Mobile merger. As an organization that represents Philadelphia's teachers, we understand the critical importance of high-speed broadband access for students, teaching professionals and society in general. We support this merger because it will expand broadband access, benefitting the educational process as well as the broader economy in Philadelphia and the nation.

Many of Philadelphia's students live in low-income, under-served neighborhoods which traditionally lag in the availability of advanced online services, which is becoming increasingly essential for a high-quality education. The AT&T-T-Mobile merger will give millions more Americans access to 4G LTE, the next generation of wireless technology, a potential boon to students, teachers and families.

Given the resource short-falls that school systems throughout the nation are grappling with today, the opportunity for this important infrastructure upgrade at no cost to taxpayers is a key benefit of this merger. And it will result in an additional \$8 billion capital investment, helping to create jobs and boost the economy.

Philadelphia's teachers are committed to giving our students an education that prepares them to succeed in the 21st Century. Our students and teachers need access to next-generation technology to achieve that goal and therefore we urge you to approve the AT&T Wireless-T-Mobile merger. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

JERRY T. JORDAN
President